GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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POLICY ON WIDOW PENSION
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any poiicy on widow pension;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether different policies are being followed in different States for widow pension;

(d) if so. the details thereof:

(e) whether the Government proposes to formulate a uniform policy in this regard;and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (D. NAPOLEON)

(a) & (b) Ministry of Rural Development has launched Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS) under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) in February.2009. Under IGNWPS. Rs. 200/- per month is provided to a widow in the age group of 40-64 and belonging to a household living below poverty line according to the criteria prescribed by the Government of India.

(c) & (d) Different eligibility criteria are followed in different States, (e) & (f) There is no such proposal.